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For: METHOD OF COVERING A POTTED PLANT

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
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Remarks Accompanying the
Complete Application for Publication

Submitted herewith is a Complete Application for Publication which includes (1) amendments to the original parent specification and drawings described within these remarks and (2) a complete set of claims, in accordance with CFR § 1.215(c).

In the drawings, Figures 1-13, 16-18, 20-23, 25-27, 29-31, 33, 35-44, 47-64, 66-68, 70-81, and 83-86 have been amended as indicated in the attached redline drawings. A complete copy of the formal drawings (incorporating the redline amendments) is attached to the Complete Application for Publication.

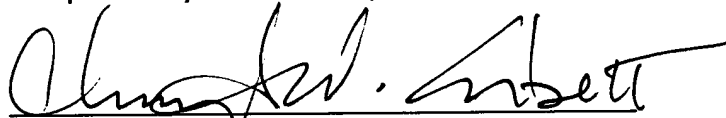
The amendments shown herein in the marked-up specification are provided for the examiner's convenience, to document exactly which portions of the Complete Application for Publication contain amended language. No new matter has been introduced via the amendments made to the drawings or to the specification.

The claims pending herein are similar to those allowed in the parent application U.S. Serial No. 10/360,945 except the claims are directed to a plant package produced by the method of covering a potted plant, wherein the potted plant is covered with a tubular sleeve having a base portion and a skirt portion, and securing the sleeve to the pot via a bonding material which may be a tie, a band, a ribbon, a string, a tape, a clamp, a fastener, or a shrink material, for example, as supported in paragraph [0118]; paragraph [0121]; and paragraph [0123].

Conclusion

Applicant hereby respectfully requests an examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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